



The Denmark News

The Heart of Denmark and Surrounding Communities

September 19, 2013 • Volume 5 • Issue 36

Ph. 920-863-2700 • Fax 920-863-2710 • www.thedenmarknews.com 75¢



▲ American Legion Commander Ken Lambert and VFW Commander Alan Malewiski are pictured with more than 370 flags that were properly retired at the American Legion and VFW flag burning ceremony held on September 14.

Denmark's Report Card



By Karen Nelsen
The Denmark News

As part of the new state accountability system, reflected in Wisconsin's approved ESEA Flexibility Request, the Department of Public Instruction (DPI) has produced report cards for every district and school in

Wisconsin. These Report Cards provide data on multiple indicators for four Priority Areas:

- Student Achievement – performance on the WKCE and WAA-SwD in reading and mathematics
- Student Growth – improvement over time on the WKCE in reading and mathematics
- Closing Gaps – progress of student subgroups in closing gaps in reading and mathematics performance and/or graduation rates
- On-track and Postsecondary Readiness – performance on key indicators of readiness for graduation and postsecondary pursuits, whether college or career

Performance on three Student Engagement Indicators is

also reported. These three indicators affect student success and school effectiveness.

- Test Participation Rate, with a goal of 95 percent test participation for all students and each subgroup.
- Absenteeism Rate, with a goal of 13 percent or less.
- Dropout rate, with a goal of six percent or less.

A District's or School's Overall Accountability Score places the district or school into one of five Overall Accountability Ratings:

- Significantly Exceeds Expectations
- Exceeds Expectations
- Meets Expectations
- Meets Few Expectations
- Fails to Meet Expectations

The majority of Wisconsin's public schools and school

Wisconsin Cancer Treatment Fairness Act

State Rep. André Jacque (R-De Pere) and bill authors State Sen. Alberta Darling and State Rep. Pat Strachota recently introduced the Cancer Treatment Fairness Act, a law already passed by most of Wisconsin's neighboring states and 26 other states across the nation, to assure equity for patients with insurance to access the anti-cancer drugs their doctors prescribe for them. Jacque is the lead Assembly Republican co-author for the measure, which has the strong bi-partisan support of 55 Wisconsin legislators.

Under the proposed Cancer Treatment Fairness Act, if a health insurance plan regulated by the state covers chemotherapy, then the out-of-pocket costs for patients must be the same regardless of how the treatment is dispensed - in a pill form or as an IV.

"Ensuring cancer treatment access is one of my legislative priorities to ease the burden of people with cancer

in my district and across the state. This is a vital change that just makes sense in so many ways," said Jacque.

Doctors are increasingly prescribing a pill form of chemotherapy. For some patients, the only treatment that will work for them comes in a pill form. However, doctors often-times combine a pill treatment with traditional intravenous chemotherapy. This legislative change is even more important considering the future of cancer treatment. Researchers estimate that 25 to 35 percent of the new anti-cancer drugs are available only in pill form.

There are many advantages to oral chemotherapy, including convenience because pills can be taken at home, fewer side effects allowing patients undergoing treatment to continue to work and care for their families while they fight their disease, and the increased effectiveness of these targeted medications. Oral chemotherapy also results in

>>Continued on page 7



Friends of Neshota

▲ The Friends of Neshota Park held a membership drive/raffle on Tuesday during the Denmark Cross Country Invitational. Ginger Renier and Debbie Gastorf answered questions about plans for the park. Folks interested in learning more are encouraged to attend a monthly meeting. Meetings are held on the second Tuesday of each month at the park shelter at 7:00 p.m.

districts meet, exceed or significantly exceed expectations established for report cards that use the above multiple measures of student achievement and engagement to describe performance. This is the first year for

district report cards and the second for school report cards.

"These preliminary district and school report cards provide valuable information about education in Wisconsin," said State

>>Continued on page 5

Don't Miss

The Farmer's Market

Held at Degrand's Family Restaurant Parking Lot
Thursday Mornings from 7 a.m. - 10:30?